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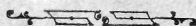
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THIRTY-FIRST  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN of HOLDEN,  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1882-3.



BANGOR:  
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sents the qualities of a successful teacher, and can adapt herself to the wants of her pupils. Order and advancement of school good. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 12. Average number, 10. Wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week. Board, \$1.50.

*Winter Term.*—Miss Margie J. Murch, teacher. Miss Murch is a teacher of large experience in the school-room. She succeeded in awakening an interest among the scholars, and maintained a high reputation as a teacher. Particular attention was paid to the classes in reading, while the other branches were not neglected. The general instruction and progress were highly satisfactory, (except a little too much answering in concert.) We make special mention of writing, as it was attended to daily. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number attending school, 15. Average number, 13. Wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week. Board, \$1.75.

#### No. 6, or Clewley District.

*Summer Term.*—This school was in charge of Miss Lillie B. Smart, who well understood the work that belonged to the school room. The teacher having a very pleasing faculty to govern, took charge of a husband before the next term of school was engaged. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number attending school, 29. Average number, 24. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Board \$ .95.

*Winter Term.* Mr. Louis H. Ham, teacher. This was Mr. Ham's first experience at teaching. By reason of prevalence of measles in the district, reducing the attendance more than one-half, under the advice of the Agent, the school was stopped for two weeks. The attendance was not then regular, consequently the term was not so long as it otherwise would have been had it not been interrupted. The teacher succeeded well under the circumstances. The exercises in school, and particularly those in Grammar were very satisfactory. A number of older scholars added to the interest of the school. Class in book keeping went through double entry. The teacher was well liked by his pupils and gave good satisfaction to the parents. Friends in the district were present at the closing examination. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number attending school, 21. Average number, 17. Wages of teacher, \$22 per month. Price of board, \$1.70 per week.

#### No. 7, or Rowe District.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Hattie M. Abbott, teacher. This was Miss Abbott's first school. She is a fine scholar, and came recommended to us from Orono. At the commencement of the term the teacher's course was such as to indicate success. At the close we found that the teacher had failed to gain the interest of the scholars and the co-operation of the parents, which are essential to a successful school. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 15. Average number, 12. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Board, \$1.50.

*Winter Term.*—This term was commenced by Miss N. M. Rogers, from Orington. In some way she lost control of the scholars, and finding her situation somewhat unpleasant at the end of the second week she sent in her resignation to the Agent. Wages of teacher, \$5 per week. Board, \$1.50. The term

was then finished by Miss Annie B. Comins. The teacher possessed a faculty of commanding respect and securing obedience of the scholars, without arbitrary authority. The fifth reader class embraced a large portion of the school in this exercise. The scholars were studious and orderly. At the closing examination the scholars showed that the instruction had been accurate and thorough. The improvement was highly commendable. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number attending school, 18. Average number, 16 1-2. Wages of teacher, \$5 per week. Board \$1.50.

### Number 8, or Burton District.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Jennie White, teacher. Miss White is a teacher of some experience in a school of this grade. The school made a fair progress in so short a time. Length of term, six weeks. Whole number attending school, 10; average number, 8. Wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week. Board, \$2.00.

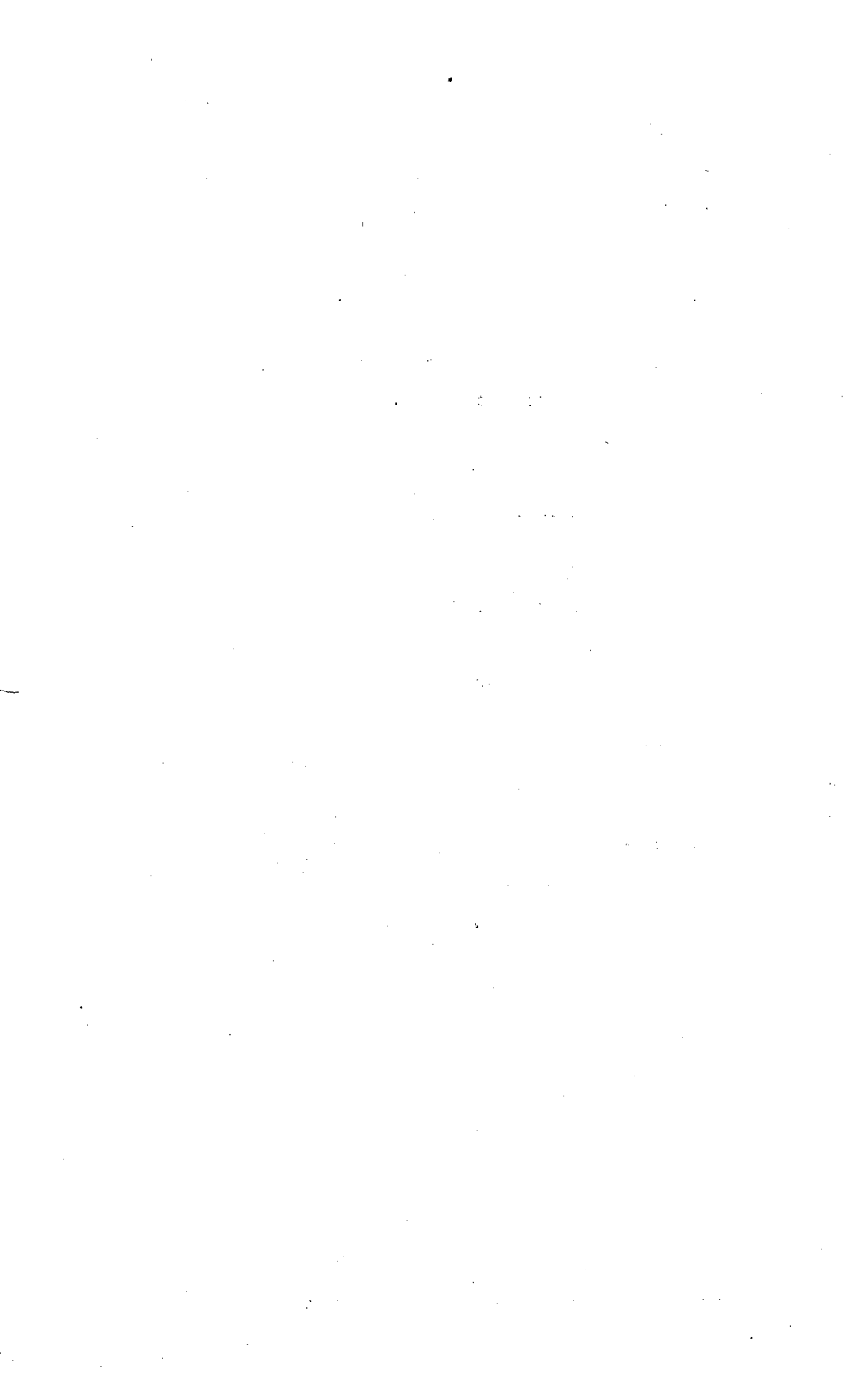
*Fall Term.*—Miss Nellie S. Pond, teacher. Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number attending school, 9. Average number, 8. Wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week. Board, \$2.50. The teacher was faithful in the discharge of her duties. The scholars are somewhat backward, and need a good deal of attention. They were interested in the teacher, and the scholars appeared well under her instructions.

It has been manifestly impossible for us to give anything like a complete report of all the schools of the town, and we have not attempted it. Enough, however, has been given so that any one who cares to know, can form a tolerably correct idea of the condition of common school education in our midst. During the past year there has been among our schools but one case of failure; and that was soon corrected by placing a more efficient teacher in charge of the school. The success of the schools has been owing to a good selection of teachers, made by the agents. Too much pains cannot be taken in the choice of teachers. A teacher should exert a moral influence over their pupils, as well as to instruct in the branches necessary to be taught. Hearing a recitation is not always teaching. An inexperienced teacher may hear a recitation when it calls for no special exertion or preparation; while one with experience will come before the class, and illustrate the general topic of the lesson. Most of our teachers have acquitted themselves with honor, and rank high in their qualifications. During the past year according to the teachers' registers 136 visits have been made by parents and friends; may the next year see twice as many. Thanking the Agents and citizens of the town for the interest they have manifested in the educational welfare of the young, we hope that the next year may be still more prosperous, and that success may attend all the various operations connected with the schools in the future.

G. W. CLARK,

Supervisor of Schools.

Holden, March 3, 1883.



# TOWN REPORT.

## TOWN VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1882-'83.

Real Estate of residents,.....	\$101,413 00	
Real Estate of non-residents,.....	12,513 00	
Personal Estate,.....	33,304 00	
		<hr/> \$147,230 00
Rate of tax 19 1-2 mills on the dollar.		
Amount of tax assessed on real estate of residents....	\$2,087 67	
“ “ “ “ non-residents,	244 11	
“ “ “ on personal estates,...	574 80	
Number of Polls taxed \$2 50 each (169).....	422 50	
Deficiency of highway tax for 1881,.....	29 78	
		<hr/> \$3,358 86

## EXPENSES IN EACH HIGHWAY DISTRICT FOR BREAKING OUT ROADS FOR 1882-'83.

District No.	1.....	\$37 17
“ “	2.....	8 05
“ “	3.....	13 65
“ “	4.....	11 05
“ “	5.....	6 00
“ “	6.....	20 03
“ “	7.....	19 50
“ “	8.....	14 52
“ “	9.....	42 47
“ “	10.....	19 10
“ “	11.....	25 25
“ “	12.....	21 35
“ “	13.....	28 39
		<hr/> \$266 53

## PAID IN MONEY FOR REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Highway District No. 4.....	\$ 4 80	
“ “ “ 6.....	15 90	
“ “ “ 8.....	4 90	
“ “ “ 12.....	3 17	
	<hr/>	\$28 77

## PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

A. J. Clark and Catherine Reardon at Insane Asylum,.	\$233 88	
Abigail Ash and children,.....	114 86	
For sickness and burial of wife of Daniel W. Winchester,.....	27 00	
Wm. Treadwell,.....	52 00	
Samuel Blake.....	5 62	
Emily J. Tirrill.....	98 00	
Jophanns H. Barnes and family,.....	6 87	
Melvin Clewley,.....	3 97	
Medical attendance on Wm. Austin,.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$550 20

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by vote of the town,.....	\$675 00	
Interest on Town School Fund,.....	19 67	
Received from State School Fund and Mill Tax,.....	368 67	
	<hr/>	\$1,063 34

### APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS :

Districts.	Names of Agents.	Number of Scholars.	Amount Apportioned 1882.	Balance Due District March 1, 1882.	Amount Paid.	Balance Due District March 2, 1883.
Wiswell,	George L. Hart,	29	\$ 132 34		\$ 131 35	\$ 99
Centre,	F. U. Whiting,	37	168 85	24 49	190 38	2 96
South,	F. K. Hart,	32	146 03	6 38	133 41	19 00
Rollins,	T H. Fish,	18	82 14	15 11	91 70	5 55
Mann,	Wm. M. Phillips,	32	146 02		121 45	21 04
Clewley,	Charles B. Kenney,	41	187 09	9 03	126 13	69 99
Rowe,	H. C. Levensaler,	27	123 28	4 82	127 35	75
Burton,	A. L. Pinkham,	17	77 59	18	67 28	10 49
			<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		233	\$1063 34	\$ 56 48	\$ 989 05	\$ 130 77

## PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

John P. Robinson, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer,	\$55 00
Joshua S. Kenney, " " " "	11 25
Geo. B. Glover, " " " "	24 50
A. B. Farrington, Town Clerk,.....	6 51
Geo. W. Clark, Supervisor of Schools,.....	40 00
F. K. Hart, Constable,.....	3 00
Fred M. Rogers, Collector and Treasurer,.....	82 82
J. P. Robinson, Collector for 1880,.....	3 37
H. T. Hart, Collector for 1881,.....	10 22

\$236 67

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Asa S. Hart for care of Town House,.....	\$ 2 50
" Mrs. Williamson for damage, for travel over her land,.....	5 00
" for labor on cemetery in Clewley District,.....	16 00
" for damage to plow,.....	2 25
" for Town pump,.....	11 00
" Costs and witness fees, Orrington vs. Holden,..	13 75
" Interest on outstanding orders,.....	78 03
" for blank books, stationery, postage, etc.,.....	11 11
" for printing Town Reports, 1882,.....	11 00
" Discount on Taxes,.....	106 09

\$256 73

\$208 08

Abatement of Taxes,.....

3100

125

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Dr.

*FRED M. ROGERS, Treasurer and Collector,*

To amount of taxes committed June 1, 1882, raised by vote of town as follows :			
For support of Schools, \$675, for the Poor, \$400,.....	\$1,075	00	
Repair of roads and bridges,.....	100	00	
Pay of Town Officers, \$200, incidental expenses, \$100,	300	00	
Discount on taxes, \$75, breaking out roads, \$200,....	275	00	
Payment of outstanding orders and notes,.....	400	00	
			\$2,150 00
State tax for 1882, \$757 06, county tax for 1882, \$285 57,	\$1,042	63	
Deficiency of highway tax for 1881,.....	29	78	
Overlaying and fractional gains,.....	136	45	
			\$1,208 86
To amount received of F. K. Hart, Collector, 1876....	\$ 29	65	
“ “ A. B. Farrington, “ 1877....	25	61	
“ “ F. M. Rogers, “ 1878-79,	50	00	
“ “ J. P. Robinson, “ 1880....	134	70	
“ “ H. T. Hart, “ 1881....	393	65	
To cash from Dedham for support of Geo. E. Billing-			
ton and family,.....	8	00	
To cash from Steuben for support of Abigail Ash and			
children,.....	231	34	
To cash of Veazie, balance for support of Charles Mann			
and family,.....	8	68	
To cash from sale of the Clement Barn,.....	50	00	
To cash from sale of hay cut on the Clement land,....	12	51	
To supplemental tax, committed Dec. 27, 1882,.....	130	86	
To tax deeds,.....	53	63	
			\$1,128 63
			\$4,487 49

Dr.

*H. T. HART, Collector for 1881,*

To Balance due March 13th, 1882,.....	\$412	95
	\$412	95

Dr.

*J. P. ROBINSON, Collector for 1880,*

To Balance due March 13th, 1882,.....	\$144	45
	\$144	45

Dr.

*F. M. ROGERS, Collector for 1878-79,*

To Balance due March 13th, 1882,.....	\$67	95
	\$67	95

Dr.

*A. B. FARRINGTON, Collector for 1877,*

To Balance due March 13th, 1882,.....	\$60	35
	\$60	35

## STATEMENT OF THE TOWN FINANCES—LIABILITIES.

Due the several School Districts,.....	\$130	77
State Tax for 1882,.....	757	06
		\$887 83
		628 00

*Balance against the Town,.....*

\$259 83

*In Account with the TOWN of HOLDEN.*

Cr.

April 18th, 1882, by paying balance county tax for 1881,	\$176 36	
Aug. 16th, by paying balance State tax, 1881,.....	418 79	
Feb. 6th, 1883, by paying county tax for 1882,.....	285 57	
March 13, by paying note and interest to F. K. Hart,..	275 62	
By tax deeds,.....	25 86	
By paying outstanding orders,.....	303 86	
		\$1,486 06
By paying orders for 1882, as follows:		
For breaking out roads,.....	\$266 53	
“ repairs of roads and bridges,.....	25 77	
“ paupers,.....	550 20	
“ schools,.....	989 05	
“ Town officers,.....	236 67	
“ incidental expenses,.....	256 73	
“ abatement of taxes,.....	208 08	\$2536 03
		\$4,022 09
Balance of resident tax (due from Collector),.....	\$100 00	
“ non-resident tax due from Collector,.....	9 43	
Cash in treasury,.....	355 97	\$465 40

\$4,487 49

*In Account with the TOWN of HOLDEN.*

Cr.

By paid F. M. Rogers, Treasurer,.....	\$393 65
Balance due March 3d, 1883,.....	19 30
	\$412 95

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Cr.

By paid F. M. Rogers, Treasurer,.....	\$134 70
Balance due March 3d, 1883,.....	9 75
	\$144 45

*In Account with the TOWN of HOLDEN,*

Cr.

By paid F. M. Rogers, Treasurer,.....	\$50 00
Balance due March 3d, 1883,.....	17 95
	\$67 95

*In Account with the TOWN of HOLDEN,*

Cr.

By paid F. M. Rogers, Treasurer,.....	\$25 61
Balance due March 3d, 1883,.....	34 74
	\$60 35

## STATEMENT OF THE TOWN FINANCES—ASSETS.

Due from Collector for 1882-'83, uncollected resident tax,	\$100 00
“ “ “ “ “ non-resident tax,	9 43
“ “ “ 1881-'82,.....	19 30
“ “ “ 1880-'81,.....	9 75
“ “ “ 1878 and 1879,.....	17 95
“ “ “ 1877-'78,.....	34 74
Tax Deeds,.....	25 86
Balance due on Clement's Notes (about).....	55 00
Cash in Treasury,.....	355 97
	\$628 00

J. P. ROBINSON, } Selectmen of  
GEO. B. GLOVER, } Holden.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

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## No. 1, or Wiswell District.

*The Summer and Fall Terms* were taught by Miss Melvina M. Day. The teacher is full of life and energy, possessing a pleasing and attractive manner. Is thoroughly well qualified for the school and inspires those in her charge to study and make the best of their time. Her school is a success. Length of Summer term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 16. Average number, 13. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Board \$1.75. Length of Fall term, 7 weeks. Whole number attending school, 15. Average number, 14. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Board, \$1.75.

*Winter Term.*—Miss Lillie J. Day, Teacher. Miss Day, by her faithfulness, soon gained the respect and affection of her scholars, rendering the task of teaching a pleasant one. Good order and interest manifested among the scholars; short recitations and well recited. Some compositions were shown us that were written with care by the older scholars. The school was visited by the parents in the district. Length of term, seven weeks. Whole number attending school, 18. Average number, 17. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week. Board, \$1.75.

## No. 2, or Centre District.

This school was commenced by Miss Mae F. Whiting who was obliged, by ill health, to resign her position at the end of the second week. The term was then continued by Miss Maria E. Collins, from Brewer. The teacher possesses very fine literary acquirements. The scholars made good proficiency in their studies. Oral instructions in grammar added to the interest of this exercise. Copy books well written, and essays by the older scholars. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 13. Average number, 11. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Board not given in the register.

*Fall Term.*—Miss Mae F. Whiting, teacher. The teacher has a faculty to interest and govern this school, and ranks as one of our best teachers. This school was attended with marked success, nothing occurring to render the school unpleasant. Good interest was kept up through the term, and general deportment highly commendable. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number 14. Average number, 11.5-16. Wages, \$3.55. Board, \$1.45.

*Winter Term.*—Mr. F. B. Dearth, teacher. The teacher possesses the qualifications necessary for his profession. His thoroughness deserves especial commendation, and under his instruction the school made good progress. The exercises in reading and the practical method of teaching arithmetic is also worthy of particular attention. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number attending school, 16. Average number, 15 1-2. Wages of teacher, \$30 per month. Board, \$1.96.

### No. 3, or South District.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Myra Pond, teacher. The teacher labored for the advancement of her pupils. The scholars made good progress for so short a term, and the lesson were well recited. Length of term, 7 weeks. Whole number attending school, 12. Average number, 10. Wages of teacher including board, \$4.25.

*Full Term.*—Miss Nina E. Thompson, teacher. The teacher made every effort to interest her pupils. Manifest progress was made; and the term was passed very pleasantly. Length of term 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 18. Average number 15. Wages of teacher, \$2 50 per week. Board, \$1.50.

*Winter Term.*—Miss Minnie E. Murch, teacher. We consider this district highly fortunate in securing the services of a teacher so thorough in the branches taught in this school. The teacher was oral and practical in her instructions. The pauses were observed in the reading, with accuracy; and the definition of the most important words given by the classes in reading. The teacher was not much confined to her text book, as we were glad to observe. Books are of service, to be sure, to a teacher, but one should not be too much confined to them at the recitation. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number attending school, 15. Average number, 14. Wages of teacher, \$3 50. Board, \$1 75.

### No. 4, or Rollins District.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Laura M. Mace, teacher. The teacher was good in penmanship, and wrote a fine copy hand. The scholars were small, and many of them were in the primary branches. The general deportment of the school fair, with tolerable success. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 12. Average number, 9. Wages of teacher, \$3.25. Board, \$1.80 per week.

*Winter Term.*—Miss Evie E. Williamson, teacher. This was Miss Williamson's first efforts at teaching. She evidently tried harder to merit success, than to gain temporary honors. The teacher kept up good interest to the close of the term, and the advancement made by the scholars commendable. The school was appreciated in the district. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number attending school, 18. Average number, 13. Wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week. Board, \$1.40.

### No. 5, or Mann District.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Nina E. Thompson, teacher. This was Miss Thompson's first experience in teaching. The school being small there was less opportunity for the teacher to exhibit her abilities than in a larger one. She pre-